

# State of South Dakota

## SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2000

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1127

Introduced by: Representatives Monroe, Davis, Diedtrich (Elmer), Fischer-Clemens, Hunt, Koehn, Kooistra, McCoy, Patterson, and Sutton (Duane) and Senators Symens, Flowers, Kleven, Moore, and Vitter

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the assignment of health insurance proceeds  
2 to health care providers.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 58-17-61 be amended to read as follows:

5 58-17-61. Any person insured by a health insurance company, health maintenance  
6 organization, preferred provider organization, individual practice association, or nonprofit  
7 hospital service corporation may assign in writing benefits from such policy, contract, or  
8 certificate to a hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 34-12 or health care provider licensed  
9 pursuant to Title 36. If such assignment is executed and written notice thereof is given, the  
10 insurance company, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, individual  
11 practice association, or nonprofit hospital service corporation shall pay the benefits directly to  
12 the hospital or health care provider licensed pursuant to Title 36.

13 Nothing in this section modifies the scope of coverage or the amount of benefits payable  
14 under a health insurance policy, contract, or certificate.